REMARKS

The Office Action of February 22, 2001 has been carefully reviewed. Re-examination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks and arguments.

STATUS OF THE APPLICATION

The application, as previously amended, included twenty one (21) claims including four () independent claims.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1-21 have previously been indicated to be allowable.

No claims have been added or canceled.

Claim 19 has been amended.

Therefore, the application now still includes twenty one (21) claims including four (4) independent claims, and no additional fees are required, as shown by the attached AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER.

The amendments are supported by the application and claims as filed, and therefore do not constitute new matter.

DRAWINGS

Examiner had previously noted that this application was filed with informal drawings. Applicant subsequently requested the Office to transfer the drawings, or copies of the drawings from the original application to this reissue application. As no issue concerning the drawings is currently raised, it is assumed that the drawings, or copies of the drawings have been transferred from the original application to this reissue application, and that no further action is required with respect to the drawings..

RESPONSE TO CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 19 has been objected to because of numerous errors. It is believed that the above amendments to Claim 19 avoid these objections.

As noted in our telephone conversation of June 22, 2001, undersigned has been confused as to the proper format of claim 19 as previously amended. The above amended claim 19 represents claim 19 as last previously amended, and as now further amended using [brackets] for

deleted words, and underlining for added words. It represents undersigned's best efforts to incorporate the annotations supplied by Examiner on February 26, 2000, as well as additional amendments which undersigned now wishes to make. As a further best effort to dispose of this matter, attached is a best copy of above amended claim 19 in a clean format, but with all [brackets] and underlining deleted, a best copy of claim 19 as amended in the Amendment transmitted on September 13, 1999, and a best copy of claim 19 showing Examiner's annotations and comments on February 26, 2000.

It is now believed that the basis for theobjection to claim 19 has been avoided, and it is requested that the objections to claim 19 now be withdrawn. Should any issues remain as to claim 19, it is requested that Examiner telephone undersigned to dispose of those matters.

RESPONSE TO CLAIM REJECTIONS - DEFECTIVE REISSUE DECLARATION

Claims 1-21 have been rejected as being based upon a defective declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251.

An appropriate facsimile copy of a Supplemental Declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), with a facsimile signature, and including the language suggested by Examiner is enclosed. It is therefore requested that this basis for rejection be withdrawn, that claims 1-21 be allowed, and that this reissue application be allowed.

Should the Supplemental Declaration with an original signature be required, please advise undersigned.

MATTERS REGARDING REFERENCES

Examiner has indicated that Canadian reference 2,083,292 cited in the original patent must be cited in this reissue application. It is noted that a request has been previously made to transfer all references from the original application, including Canadian reference 2,083,292. However, in order to assist the Office, a copy of Canadian reference 2,083,292 is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Objections, and rejection of the claims have been avoided by amendment and by argument. It is

therefore requested that the application be allowed.

Again, should any issues remain, it is requested that Examiner telephone undersigned to dispose of those matters.

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I hereby certify that on this date this correspondence and any required fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope with proper postage attached and addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Non-Fee Amendment, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Date

Claim 19, as amended above, but in clean format:

19. (Thrice Amended) A method of trapping and storing electrical cords having a first and a second cord end and of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on a storage device comprising the steps:

a. providing at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord, the electrical cord having a first and a second cord end;

c. providing at least one storage device, the storage device having an elongated central axle of a fixed length, a cord end retaining means and an opposite cord end retaining means, a plurality of cord receiving means formed in the cord end retaining means and in the opposite cord end retaining means, indicia formed on the cord end retaining means and on the opposite cord end retaining means near the plurality of cord receiving means, axle extension means having an outer perimeter, extending outboard of the cord receiving means, and axle support means rotatably engaging said outer perimeter of the axle extension means;

c. removably engaging the first cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in one of the plurality of cord receiving means of the cord end retaining means to occupy one said cord receiving means;

d. noting the indicia near the now occupied cord receiving means;

e. rotating the axle, thereby wrapping the at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord around the elongated axle;

f. controlling the wrap of the at least one electrical cord provided along the fixed length of the elongated axle so that the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord terminates near the opposite cord end retaining means;

g. removably engaging the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in the opposite cord receiving means whose indicia corresponds to the indicia noted in step d.;

h. repeating steps c-g as necessary to wrap several electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on the storage device; and

i. placing the storage device with one or more electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, light sand similar objects spaced along the electrical cord in a storage location desired by the user

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Claim 19. as transmitted 9/13/99

19. (Twice Amended) A method of trapping and storing electrical cords having a first and a second cord end and of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on a storage device [with support carrier] comprising the steps:

a. providing at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord, the electrical cord having a first and a second cord end;

b. providing at least one storage device with support carrier, the storage device with support carrier having an elongated central axle of a fixed length, a cord end retaining means and an opposite cord end retaining means, a plurality of cord receiving means formed in the cord end retaining means, indicia formed on the cord end retaining means, and on the opposite cord end retaining means near the cord receiving means, axle extension means having an outer perimeter, extending outboard of the cord receiving means, axle extension means having an outer perimeter extending outboard of the cord receiving means, and axle support means, [and a support brace] rotatably engaging said outer perimeter of the axle extension means;

c. removably attaching the at least one storage device with support carrier to a stable surface;

d. removably engaging the first cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in one of the plurality of cord receiving means of the cord end retaining means;

e. noting the indicia near the now occupied cord receiving means;

f. rotating the axle, thereby wrapping the at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord around the elongated axle;

g. controlling the wrap of the at least one electrical cord provided along the fixed length of the elongated axle so that the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord terminates near the opposite cord end retaining means;

h. removably engaging the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in the opposite cord receiving means whose indicia corresponds to the indicia noted in step e. [(e)];

i. repeating steps d-h as necessary to wrap several electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on the storage device with support carrier; and

[j. disengaging the axle extensions from the axle support means; and]

j. [k.] placing the storage device with one or more electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, light sand similar objects spaced along the electrical cord in a storage location desired by the user.

Claim 19. as annotated by Examiner on 2/26/00

19. (Twice Amended) A method of trapping and storing electrical cords having a first and a second cord end and of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on a storage device [with support carrier] comprising the steps:

a. providing at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord, the electrical cord having a first and a second cord end;

b. providing at least one storage device with support carrier, the storage device with support carrier having an elongated central [cylinder] axle of a fixed length, a cord end retaining means and an opposite cord end retaining means, a plurality of cord receiving means formed in the cord end retaining means and in the opposite cord end retaining means, indicia formed on the cord end retaining means, and on the opposite cord end retaining means near the cord receiving means, axle extension means having an outer perimeter, extending outboard of the cord receiving means, [axle extension means having an outer perimeter extending outboard of the cord receiving means,] and axle support means, [and a support brace] rotatably engaging said outer perimeter of the axle extension means [and axle retaining means];

c. removably attaching the at least one storage device with support carrier to a stable surface;

d. removably engaging the first cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in one of the plurality of cord receiving means of the cord end retaining means;

e. noting the indicia near the now occupied cord receiving means;

f. rotating [the end support means around the at least one] the axle, thereby wrapping the at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets,

receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord around the elongated [cylinder] axle;

g. controlling the wrap of the at least one electrical cord provided along the fixed length of the elongated [cylinder] axle so that the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord terminates near the opposite cord end retaining means;

h. removably engaging the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in the opposite cord receiving means whose indicia corresponds to the indicia noted in step e. [(e)];

i. repeating steps d-h as necessary to wrap several electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on the storage device with support carrier; and

[j. disengaging the [at least one] axle[extensions] from the axle support means; {and}]

k. Removing the at least one axle from the storage device; and

j. [k.] placing the storage device with one or more electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, light sand similar objects spaced along the electrical cord [in an upright position on the end support means] in a storage location desired by the user.